



TUESDAY EVENING, JULY 24, 1906.

THE ARMOR PLATE CONTRACT recently let by the Navy Department is interesting to all who use it. It shows that the government has been paying vastly too much for its armor and armor plate, under the law that requires it to purchase "armor and armor of domestic manufacture for vessels authorized." The Midvale Company, of Philadelphia, offered to furnish it at about \$892 a ton, making a difference of \$47 a ton. Of course, the Midvale Company would, under the law, have got the contract for the entire amount required, if it had insisted on it. But the trust reduced its bid to the level of that of the Midvale Company, and was awarded one half of the work, with the apparent consent of its rival. It is now said that an understanding was reached for effecting a merger with the Midvale Company, in order to avoid future competition; and that it was this merger proposition which brought about the agreement to divide the present contract between the successful and unsuccessful bidders. So that next year the new combine will get all the work at the highest price, unless the law limiting the purchase to "domestic manufacture" should be repealed, so as to allow purchases abroad. It was clearly shown in the course of debates in the Senate several years ago, that armor plate could be manufactured in this country at a cost not exceeding \$225 a ton. And yet, in 1900 and prior years thereto, the government paid the trust \$445 a ton; thus giving the trust a clear profit of \$320 a ton. In 1903 the government paid the trust \$452 a ton, leaving the trust a profit of \$227 a ton. This year it pays only \$345 a ton, still leaving a profit of \$120 a ton. And now that the old monopoly has been re-established by taking into the trust the only independent armor plate factory in the country, the old price of \$445 a ton will be restored. With the aid of the republican party the trust has robbed the people of money enough to build a score of ships and will continue to rob them until the party is driven from power. When it comes to rewarding the trusts that furnish campaign funds, the republican party certainly "does things."

IN THE national campaign two years ago Judge Parker took the position "that we have laws enough to stop every corporate abuse; that all that is lacking is an administration disposed to enforce the law." This cruel puncture of the Roosevelt "I inferential claim that the success of federal prosecutions of violations of law by corporations are due to new statutes is successfully made by Judge Parker. He conclusively shows that there is no excuse, at this time, for the claim of Secretary Taft that his (Parker's) assertion in 1904, that existing law is adequate to put an end to all trust and corporate abuses, was inaccurate. For as Judge Parker shows: "Not one of the successful prosecutions for corporate abuses has been based on any new statute." The decisions of the United States courts, both civil and criminal, during the last year show this and conclusively prove that either the Taft-Roosevelt announcement was made carelessly or for the purpose of partisan advantage. What troubles President Roosevelt and Secretary Taft is that it is impossible for them to explain why the Roosevelt administration for over four years did not prosecute the trusts and corporations, although the laws were on the statute books then as now and no prosecutions have occurred under any new law. The railroad rate legislation, just enacted, is intended to regulate freight and passenger rates, but has nothing to do with the prosecutions of trusts and corporations for restricting trade, which is fully provided for under the interstate commerce law and, for that matter, under the common law. Why did the Roosevelt administration sit supinely by for four years and allow the trusts and corporations that had grown up under the fostering of the protective tariff to plunder the people with impunity? The answer is plain and cannot be controverted. It was because the republican political machine needed and expected and did receive large contributions from the corporations to run the campaign of 1904 of which Mr. Roosevelt was the immediate beneficiary.

THE REPORT of the joint committees on light, finance and general laws recommending the acceptance of the bid of E. E. Mandeville, of Philadelphia, for furnishing electricity to the city of Alexandria will be presented to the City Council tonight. It is hoped by a large majority of the people of this city that it will be adopted and that as soon as possible Alexandria may have a modern plant capable of furnishing light and power to all who desire it. The people of this

city have been importuning their representatives for several years past to put Alexandria in a position whereby small manufacturing enterprises will be attracted to our midst. This is believed to be impossible under existing circumstances, as electricity in this day is a prime essential to all industries. Besides the people of Alexandria desire to use electricity for illuminating purposes. Nearly every city and town in the Commonwealth is enjoying this modern adjunct to all communities, and it is hoped each member of the City Council will see his way clear to vote for the adoption of the committee's report. Mr. Mandeville proposes to construct a plant in a city which will cost not less than \$100,000. This alone will be an advertisement for Alexandria, as it will be sure to attract attention to our city and be the direct means of bringing additional industries here. Alexandria has recently seen their dreams for the introduction of electricity vanish. It is hoped that their wishes will be realized.

ON SATURDAY was again announced that the last of the "insurgent" Filipinos had surrendered. Yesterday's dispatches told of an attack by several hundred Filipinos on a detachment of American soldiers in which fight a lieutenant and a dozen or more Americans were killed. This is similar to Spain's long experience with the Filipinos.

THE MEANEST man has been found. He lives in Centerville, Pa., and is the fellow who put a rat trap in his trousers pocket and caught his wife who, while he slept, was looking for pin money.

### From Washington.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

Washington, July 24.

Brigadier General William Crozier, Chief of Ordnance of the army, today issued an order addressed to all officers of the ordnance corps in which they are enjoined strictly to obey the letter of the eight-hour law with regard to reporting all violations of that law by government contractors for ordnance material. European commercial nations are mystified at the shipping invasion Germany has made during the last year in the Mediterranean, according to a statement Consul-General Robert P. Skinner, of Marseilles, France, has just made to the State Department. Until a year ago the German flag was inconspicuous in the Mediterranean. Now several lines of steamers have been established, and particularly the French are loud in complaining that the traffic requirements do not explain this sudden accession on the part of Germany.

Appeals are being sent to 30,000 labor organizations, appealing for contributions and setting forth the reasons for the appeal. An intelligent campaign looking to the election of members of State legislatures and the national Congress friendly to the interests of labor cannot be effected, it is argued, without incurring some expense. Contributions from \$1 up are solicited. It is the intention of President Gompers to maintain a regular political headquarters here, modeled after the organizations of the two great parties. He will be in personal charge of the campaign and direct the operations of speakers and organizers.

It was announced at the Treasury Department today that 2,970 people bid for the new Panama Canal bonds. Only 78 put their offers high enough to secure any of them. There were, therefore, 2,892 unsuccessful bidders.

Secretary of Treasury Shaw will start for the west tomorrow, leaving Assistant Secretary Keop in charge of the Department, in about the middle of August. During his absence the Secretary will make a number of speeches in his own and other States.

United States Ambassador Leishman has reported to the State Department his arrival at Constantinople. It is evident from his dispatch that the Sultan has not credited him as the first ambassador to Turkey. No suggestion is made by Mr. Leishman of any disposition on the part of Turkey to receive him in that capacity.

N. D. Department was informed by cable this morning of the arrival at Bahia, Brazil, of the cruiser Charleston with Secretary of State Root aboard. She will sail immediately for Rio.

### Strange Prophecy.

Delegates to the Watch Tower Bible Students' Convention in Asbury Park were visibly awed by the strange prophecy of John Edgar, of Glasgow, Scotland, who told what was going to happen in America between 1911 and 1915.

"In September of the year 1912 the people will see that they have made a grave mistake and during the time between the years 1913 and 1914 the people will leave the government alone. At the end of the year 1914, state, church and the people will be at war with each other. In the year 1915 the greatest thing will come to pass—the people will again rise up against the authorities and the government—and this time they will demolish all forms of government."

### Commissioner of Insurance.

Gov. Swanson has addressed a letter to the president of the State Supreme court, asking that the court will hold a special session to take up the matter of insurance commissioner. Col. Joseph Button was elected by the Legislature, but the corporation commission declined to allow him to qualify, holding that it was not clear what power should name the commissioner as the department was to be under the control and supervision of the corporation commission. Col. Button has employed Hyl Carter and Samuel L. Kelly to represent him and will apply for a mandamus to compel the commission to permit him to qualify. The governor desires to see the matter settled in order that the department of government may be operative.

### Will Return Home.

London, July 24.—The Russian delegates to the interparliamentary peace conference who take the position that as the Duma, by which they were appointed, has been dissolved, they no longer have a right to sit in the conference as representatives of that nation, will return to St. Petersburg today.

### News of the Day.

French exports to the United States the last fiscal year broke all records, totaling \$107,240,547.

Four cargoes of bananas arrived at Baltimore yesterday. Three were from Jamaica and one from Sama, Cuba.

President Roosevelt has approved the plans of the republican congressional campaign, which will have Secretaries Taft and Shaw present the stand-pat tariff argument.

Dowie made formal demand yesterday upon Voliva, the present head of Zion City, for a written and detailed account of the charges against him. Voliva refused to comply with the demand.

James Spratt, a farm hand, was instantly killed and five others were injured, two of them seriously, by lightning, which struck a haystack yesterday on the Caperton ranch, near Louisville, Ky.

J. Edward Addicks sprung a sensation in Wilmington last night at the union republican city and county committee meeting by declaring that he intended to run for Congress on the union ticket this fall.

A buffet car on the Great Northern passenger train to N. W. was derailed Saturday evening on a high trestle at Beaver creek, near the boundary, and crashed down the canyon, killing four persons and injuring seven.

The commission appointed to form rules and regulations for the enforcement of the pure food law held its first session in Washington yesterday. Public hearings to all interested will be given in New York, beginning in September.

Captain Samuel Donelson, a well-known democratic politician of Tennessee and once doorkeeper of the House of Representatives, died suddenly at his home in Washington, yesterday, aged 58 years. During the civil war he served on the staff of General Forrest.

A meeting of women at Hlubocpet, in northern Bohemia, to protest against woman suffrage was broken up by police. The women fought the men who tried to stop their meeting and the police resorted to the use of revolvers. Twenty persons, including several women were wounded.

The body of Lady Curzon was buried yesterday in the family vault in the village churchyard of Keddleston, in the presence of only the immediate relatives. Bishop Weldon, who was Bishop of Calcutta while the Curzons were in India, officiated. Among the masses of flowers were wreaths from President Roosevelt, King Edward and Queen Alexandra, Ambassador Reid and many other prominent persons.

Anthony White, 6 years old, and his brother Frank, aged 4 living at Riverhead, L. I., have confessed that they started a fire in their father's barn and kept Julian Beck, aged 2, in a manger for the purpose of seeing whether the baby or the hay would burn first. The barn was destroyed and the infant lost its life in the blaze. The boys are too young to be prosecuted for the crime and it was only when they were told they could not go to jail that they related the story.

### THE ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT.

To the Editor of the Alexandria Gazette.

The machinery of our electric light plant was set in motion at 7:30 p. m., September 16, 1889. The plant cost us \$14,000 for which we gave ten notes of \$1,400 each, dated November 29, 1889, payable at one from ten years with interest. Upon November 29, 1899, we paid the last of these notes, making the city's investment—principal \$14,000, interest \$4,380, total \$18,380.

The contract with the Schuyler Co. called for two dynamos each to supply 50 arc lights with a guaranteed reserve of ten arc lights more.

It also called for 60 arc light of 1500 candle power each, and 120 incandescent lamps of 25 candle power each; later 20 more arc lights were substituted for the incandescent lamps. The following table shows the receipts and expenditures of the electric light plant, including cost of plant, and interest paid upon the deferred payments from September, 16, 1889, to May 31, 1906:

1890	\$150 00	\$4,739 02
1891	401 26	9,204 78
1892	600 00	7,445 61
1893	719 50	7,649 28
1894	719 50	9,093 85
1895	1,550 00	8,108 59
1896	675 00	8,316 33
1897	719 50	7,710 82
1898	719 50	7,487 76
1899	720 00	5,589 88
1900	708 10	7,539 71
1901	740 00	6,683 79
1902	388 33	6,472 28
1903	119 80	6,628 54
1904	101 40	6,703 11
1905	100 00	6,836 48
1906	101 00	5,997 47

\$8,472 21 \$123,650 20  
Deduct receipts..... \$8,472 21  
Deduct cost of plant..... \$14,000 00

\$101,177 99

Add interest due the city at 6 per cent. upon amounts paid annually, prior to 1900, upon account of the plant, and upon \$14,000 from November 29, 1889, to May 31, 1906..... 8,100 00

Expenses of lighting the city with electricity to May 31, 1906..... \$109,337 99  
Plant in operation 16 years 84 months; average annual cost, \$6,560 27; number of lamps in use, 87; average annual cost per lamp, \$75 40; average annual cost per lamp, excluding interest due city upon cost of plant, \$69 77.

According to the newspapers the joint committee of Council have decided to recommend the passage of an ordinance accepting the proposition of E. E. Mandeville, of Philadelphia.

"The Mandeville bid was \$5,000 for the franchise for thirty years, or \$8,000 for the franchise and old plant, the city to use not less than 85 arc lights at a price not to exceed \$75 per annum."

In other words the city will get \$166 67 per annum for a franchise the earning capacity of which is absolutely unknown. It will get \$5,000 for a plant which cost it \$14,000, and which the best authority in the city says can be put in first class order for \$500 or \$600. It will get arc lights at \$75 per annum each which has cost it during the past 17 years \$75 40 each.

It will get 5 per cent of the gross receipts in lieu of taxes.

As the city will be the largest consumer the electric light plant will ever have, does it get 5 per cent. of its bill, or only 5 per cent. off the bills of other consumers?

On the whole it looks like selling our birthright for a mess of pottage.

Yours truly  
JAMES BAYNE.

### Virginia News.

Wm. Tabb died at his home near Chancellorsville Saturday, aged fifty-eight years.

Thomas Durrer was tried in Staunton yesterday in the Circuit Court on the charge of infanticide and acquitted.

Mrs. Emily Compton has sold to Mr. Henry Garnett the Walnut Hill farm, located near Middleburg, Loudoun county, for \$4,500.

Mrs. Virginia Bloxton, wife of Mr. Albert Bloxton, of Stafford, died at the Mary Washington Hospital, Fredericksburg, Sunday afternoon, aged 33 years.

Leo Willingham, 16 years old, son of Dr. W. Willingham, of near Berryville, was thrown from his horse Sunday evening near his home, receiving fatal injuries.

Invitations have been issued to the marriage of Miss Jean Clarkson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Henry Mayock Clarkson, of Haymarket, to General Thomas Ross Robertson, of the North Carolina National Guard. The wedding will take place Tuesday, August 7, in St. Paul's Church, Haymarket.

Sidney Smith Lee, jr., son of Capt. D. M. Lee, of Stafford county, grand-nephew of General Robert E. Lee, and the grandson of Captain Sidney Smith Lee, of the Confederate Navy, will be appointed a second lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps. Young Lee has successfully passed the necessary examination.

At Appomattox Courthouse an oil portrait of the late Hon. Thomas S. Bocock, who represented that district in Congress for seven consecutive terms and was speaker of the Confederate Congress, was unveiled in the courthouse, it being a gift to the county by Mrs. Bocock and her daughter. Judge Handley made the presentation, and Congressman Flood received the portrait on behalf of the county.

Knights of Columbus from all the cities of the state met in Staunton, Saturday evening, with St. Francis' Council to confer three degrees on 80 or more candidates. D. J. Callahan, of Washington, D. C., the state deputy, conferred the third degree; Richard H. Davis, of Portsmouth, Va., the second, and St. Francis Council, the first. At the close there was an elegant banquet with covers for 300.

The monument to the memory of the Confederate dead of Caroline county, will be unveiled at Bowling Green tomorrow and a large gathering is expected to take part in the ceremonies. The orator of the day will be Governor Swanson. Addresses will also be delivered by Col. B. E. Lee, jr., of Fairfax, and by Mr. A. B. Chandler, of Caroline, and Capt. C. T. Smith. Judge E. O. Moncure will introduce the speakers.

Roderick Watson, of Colonial Beach, a nephew of ex-Mayor Watson, of that town, was struck by lightning and instantly killed yesterday evening at Warsaw. He had been walking on the shore of the Potomac at Cabin Point farm and had just taken refuge under a cedar tree. His uncle was only a short distance behind when the flash of lightning came. The body was taken to Colonial Beach for burial. The deceased was a grand-nephew of Thomas Perry of this city.

### Boys Killed.

A dispute over the possession of a nickel is supposed to have resulted in the killing at West Newton, Pa., Sunday of William Buckhardt, eight years old, by his playmate, Ralph Bailes, aged twelve years. The two boys were playing together, when Samuel Buckhardt, an older brother of William, tossed a 5-cent piece toward Willie, telling him to buy peanuts. Both boys made a rush for the coin, but Willie secured it. This angered his companion, Ralph Bailes, who, it is alleged, seized a 22 caliber rifle lying on a table in the yard and fired at Willie. The bullet entered the brain, it is said, and death resulted yesterday. Deputy Coroner Robert J. Haelet has gone to West Newton to investigate the shooting. The mysterious killing of another boy occurred in Pittsburg, Pa., yesterday. Anton Pitlow, a twelve year old Italian lad, was in a swing near his home, on Lupton street, Duquesne Heights, when a shot from an unknown source was fired. The bullet entered Pitlow's heart, killing him instantly. Earl Stein, aged fourteen years, has been arrested. Stein says he fired at a cat.

### Killed by Falling Building.

At least eight and perhaps three times that number of masons, plumbers, and Italian laborers were crushed to death yesterday in the sudden collapse of a building in process of construction on the main street of South Framingham, Mass., while ten others were dragged or dug out of the wreck, some seriously injured.

At a late hour last night ten men are known to be missing, and a large force of laborers was at work on the ruins, searching for the dead.

When the accident happened there were between thirty-five and forty men at work in the building. Two or three loud explosions or cracks were heard in rapid succession, and then the north-side wall and about half the front wall collapsed and crashed through to the basement, burying the men.

### Explosion in a Powder House.

Four men were killed and five injured yesterday in an explosion in the powder and dynamite house belonging to Jesse O. McClain, near Robertdale, Huntingdon county, Pa. The magazine was situated about half way between Robertdale and Woodvale, the southern terminus of the East Broad Top Railroad, and from it the miners daily obtained the necessary explosives for use in the mines. Yesterday a number of the miners went into the powder house and a moment later the whole place was blown to pieces. The cause of the explosion is unknown, but it is supposed that one of the men who entered the building was smoking and through carelessness ignited the powder.

### County Assessor Waylaid.

I. W. Coulter, of Leslie S. D., Assessor of Stanley County, relates the following: "I was waylaid by a complaint on of throat and lung troubles, bronchitis, asthma and a terrible cough, which had affected me for years, when I was prepared to try Dr. King's New Discovery. Relief came almost immediately, and in a short time a permanent cure resulted." No other medicine compares with it as a sure and quick cure for coughs and colds. It cures all other remedies have failed. Every bottle guaranteed by E. S. Leadbeater & Sons' drug store. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

### Today's Telegraphic News

Conditions in Russia.

St. Petersburg, July 24.—There is no improvement in the Russian situation today. The condition may be likened to a seething cauldron, boiling over here and there, and likely at any moment to boil over all the way around.

Quiet reigns in St. Petersburg, but it is the ominous quiet that precedes the storm. Russian censorship is plainly at work, judging from the dispatches. The people are overawed by the presence of thousands of soldiers, but secret meetings indicate coming trouble.

The government is able at present to check the sporadic disorders that crop out here and there, but can this state last?

The plan outlined by the Duma in its Viborg manifesto, "not a kopeck to the throne or a soldier for the army," is likely to bring the crisis to a head.

A peasant rebellion has broken out in the provinces of Orel and Voronezh and infantry and Cossacks are now engaged in fighting the peasants.

Several various engagements have occurred in the neighborhood of Stalgov and Bodrov. The peasants for the most part are armed only with scythes and pitchforks, but they have made a brave stand before the troops, only to be shot down mercilessly by the soldiers. The casualties up to date are reported to exceed 500.

Details received today in regard to the mutiny last night at Warsaw are to the effect that two officers were killed and six wounded in the attack made on the officers' club by mutineers. The mutineers belonged to the artillery corps. They set fire to the officers' club and then shot down the officers as they rushed from the burning structure in their night clothes. A detachment of infantry was called out and subdued the mutineers.

It is reported today that the Czar is preparing another coup with the end in view to discredit the Duma, by issuing a manifesto granting many reform measures to the country. It is proposed particularly to favor the peasants and Jews in the reforms to be granted, the Czar making concessions along the line which he hoped the Duma would take in its legislative measures when he convoked the general assembly. It is stated that Premier Stolypin is now engaged in drawing up such a manifesto.

Odesa, July 24.—The police of this city passed a night of dread, as it was feared another massacre would break out owing to the threats made by Cossacks who were enraged by the killing of one of their comrades yesterday in the Jewish quarter. The fears of the inhabitants proved unfounded, as the night passed without disorders except the looting of a number of Jewish houses by drunken Cossacks. The Jews have been driven into a condition of complete panic, and they are leaving the city in large numbers.

Vienna, July 24.—Reports have reached here from Russian frontier railway stations that a railway strike may begin momentarily. Tickets are being sold conditionally without any guarantee that the purchaser will reach his place of destination.

London, July 24.—The Central News says that private dispatches have reached London stating that an anti-Jewish crusade has commenced at Odesa. There has been heavy destruction of property and massacres are inevitable.

Helsingfors, Finland, July 24.—The workingmen throughout Finland are becoming bellicose as a result of the troubles which have arisen in Russia, following the dissolution of the Duma. Numerous meetings of workmen were held in various parts of the country last night, at which the men pledged themselves to come to the assistance of their Russian brothers in case a general strike is ordered.

Viborg, Finland, July 24.—The government has withdrawn its order declaring martial law here as a result of the Duma returning to St. Petersburg.

News has been received here that two members of the dissolved Duma have already been arrested. One of the victims is described as a priest and the other a Cossack deputy. It is also understood that instructions have been issued for the arrest of several other social democratic leaders.

St. Petersburg, July 24.—The financial panic continues. Four per cent bonds have dropped to 67.

London, July 24.—Russian securities are still pressed for sale. Four have fallen to 68, a loss of one-half per cent since last night's close. The discount on the new loan is up at 12, an increase of four from yesterday.

Odesa, July 24.—The anti-Jewish outbreaks, which it was feared would occur, have begun. Half a dozen Jews have already been killed and greater disorders are feared as the Black Hundreds are distributing incendiary proclamations in the streets. Cossacks are continuing their plunder of houses and shops in the Jewish quarter. Three Jews were killed and three wounded while defending their property from attack.

St. Petersburg, July 24.—Members of the Duma who took part in the session yesterday at Viborg when the manifesto to the nation was adopted, are expected to arrive here at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The deputies expect arrest upon their arrival in the capital.

St. Petersburg, July 24.—Back of the plan of Premier Stolypin for the reorganization of a council of the empire, in which the Premier hopes to induce liberals and conservatives to accept membership for the purpose of ruling the nation, it is now stated is a scheme for the establishment of a "practical dictatorship." The dictatorship will be the outgrowth of the establishment of this committee if the Czar agrees to their plans. Once such a council is established, it is the plan of the court camralla to gradually absorb all the power. This would amount to a virtual dictatorship.

The Czar is again wavering in his programme as he has done at every crisis. The need of a strong ruling power is felt by the Czar's advisers, and, fearing his vacillation, they desire in this way to seize power to exercise it as best suits themselves in the present emergency.

### Gans Victorious.

Seattle, Wash., July 24.—Joe Gans, champion lightweight of the world, was given the decision over Dave Holly, after twenty rounds of clinching and lightning at Pleasant Beach last night. It was far from an interesting battle from a spectators' standpoint.

It is always well to have a box of salve in the house. Sanburn, cuts, bruises, piles and hemorrhoids. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Sold by W. F. Creighton & Co., 401 King street.

### The Hartie Divorce Case.

Pittsburg, Pa., July 24.—That the alleged Helen Scott letters are considered of vital importance, in the outcome of the Hartie divorce trial, was evidenced this morning by the attention given them in the cross examination of Dr. Persifer Fraser, the Philadelphia expert, who testified yesterday for Mr. Hartie.

When the Hartie trial was resumed today interest was centered in the letters purporting to have been written by Miss Helen Scott, but which she repudiates. These letters, which Attorney E. J. Hartie said yesterday he found in a scrap heap in the loft of the stable of his brother, the libellant, contain directions to "Tom" Madine, the Irish coachman, co-respondent, and show, it is alleged, that Miss Scott was aware of the alleged relations between Mrs. Hartie and Madine, and acted as a go-between.

Further expert testimony to show that Mrs. Hartie wrote the disputed "standard" known as the "Dear Susie" letter given today by Professor W. A. Drake, of Chicago.

### The Thaw Case.

New York, July 24.—Every effort will be made by the prosecution in the Harry Thaw murder case to obtain the testimony of Mrs. F. E. Holman, mother of Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw. The district attorney's office will try to induce Mrs. Holman to come here from Pittsburg and testify; if not the representative will seek to obtain a sworn statement. The publication of letters of Mrs. Holman to Stanford White have made Mrs. Holman a much desired woman for the state.

Mrs. Harry Thaw returned to the Tombs at 1:30 this afternoon and was with her husband for half an hour.

### Frenzied by Yellowjackets.

South Bethlehem, Pa., July 24.—Councilman Jacob Bingel, of Fountain Hill, is almost crazed with pain from yellowjackets' stings, and his arms, legs and body are swollen to double their natural size.

The yellowjackets infest a lodge at the entrance gate to the Bingel premises, having supplanted hornets, which colonized there last year, and stung Mr. Bingel so badly that he was under the doctor's care for days.

### To Row with Cambridge Crew.

Boston, July 24.—The Harvard University crew which defeated Yale at New London, last June, will sail for England next Friday, and unless the date is changed will on Saturday, September 15, row a race with the Cambridge University. The race will be rowed over the regular Cambridge-Oxford course, extending from Putney to Mortlake on the Thames. The distance is about four and a quarter miles. The Harvard and Cambridge crews will be made up exactly as they were in the races against Yale and Oxford, respectively.

### Russell Sage's Will.

New York, July 24.—A bitter contest over the will of Russell Sage is expected to develop when it is offered for probate in this county, after the funeral of the financier in Troy, N. Y. Counsel is already being engaged by relatives to smash the will should it develop that Mr. Sage has not remembered them adequately. Until the will is probated, however, no move can be made as the provisions of the will are not known. Statements, however, purporting to be authoritative as to the disposition of the enormous fortune are only surmises.

### Fatal Mistake.

New Brunswick, N. J., July 24.—Mrs. Laura Vanderveer, who lived with her brother, George Venable, on Raritan avenue, Highland Park, rose at about 2 o'clock this morning, and went to the closet for medicine she was to take. Groping about she found a bottle she supposed contained a tonic. Instead, the bottle contained carbolic acid. She swallowed a large quantity and while Dr. Guttman was administering antidotes and using the stomach pump she died.

### Norfolk and Western Railway.

New York, July 24.—At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Norfolk & Western Railway Company, held today, W. H. Barnes, a director of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and John B. Thayer, Vice President of the latter company, resigned as directors. Henry C. Frick, one of the largest individual stockholders of the Norfolk & Western Railway, and L. C. Weir, representing large stockholders' interests in the company, were elected to fill the vacancies.

### Five Persons Injured.

Pittsburg, Pa., July 24.—Five persons were seriously injured by jumping from an outboard McKeesport trolley car, going at high speed on Eighth avenue, Homestead, just before noon today. The controller on the front of the car caught fire and at the same time fuses leading to the motors under the car burned out, with a bl